

HOUSE BILL No. 2940

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and Toplikar

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10 AN ACT relating to the state health care benefits system; concerning
11 eligibility for participation therein; amending K.S.A. 75-6501 and re-
12 pealing the existing section.

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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 75-6501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-
16 6501. (a) Within the limits of appropriations made or available therefor
17 and subject to the provisions of appropriation acts relating thereto, the
18 Kansas state employees health care commission shall develop and provide
19 for the implementation and administration of a state health care benefits
20 program.

21 (b) The state health care benefits program may provide benefits for
22 persons qualified to participate in the program for hospitalization, medical
23 services, surgical services, nonmedical remedial care and treatment ren-
24 dered in accordance with a religious method of healing and other health
25 services. The program may include such provisions as are established by
26 the Kansas state employees health care commission, including but not
27 limited to qualifications for benefits, services covered, schedules and
28 graduation of benefits, conversion privileges, deductible amounts, limi-
29 tations on eligibility for benefits by reason of termination of employment
30 or other change of status, leaves of absence, military service or other
31 interruptions in service and other reasonable provisions as may be estab-
32 lished by the commission.

33 (c) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall desig-
34 nate by rules and regulations those persons who are qualified to partici-
35 pate in the state health care benefits program, including active and retired
36 public officers and employees and their dependents as defined by rules
37 and regulations of the commission. In designating persons qualified to
38 participate in the state health care benefits program, the commission may
39 establish such conditions, restrictions, limitations and exclusions as the
40 commission deems reasonable. *On and after July 1, 2002, employees, as*
41 *defined in K.S.A. 74-4932 and amendments thereto, and their dependents*
42 *shall be qualified for participation in the system.* Each person who was
43 formerly elected or appointed and qualified to an elective state office and

1 who was covered immediately preceding the date such person ceased to
2 hold such office by the provisions of group health insurance or a health
3 maintenance organization plan under the law in effect prior to August 1,
4 1984, or the state health care benefits program in effect after that date,
5 shall continue to be qualified to participate in the state health care ben-
6 efits program and shall pay the cost of participation in the program as
7 established and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the com-
8 mission if such person chooses to participate therein.

9 (d) The state health care benefits program established under this act
10 shall be effective on and after August 1, 1984.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-6501 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.

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